

Miller Place Psychic Fails to Predict Raid

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Miller Place, NY - A Miller Place psychic didn't foresee a raid of her place of business by the Brookhaven Quality of Life Task Force, where Town investigators issued nine violations and an order to cease and desist occupancy until the violations are corrected.

"This psychic was in reality a suburban slumlord, and her tarot cards better tell her where to find the thousands of dollars it will take to pay fines to Brookhaven's Quality of Life Task Force," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

After receiving complaints about "Psychic Readings by Lauren," located at 794 Route 25A, Miller Place, Brookhaven Town investigators determined that people were illegally living inside the storefront. A search of the records kept by the Building Department showed that the premise, owned by Matthew Wilson of Calverton, had no permits for the construction of walls creating a separate living area within the commercial unit, and there were no certificates of occupancy on file for the commercial unit.

"Dangerous conditions like this impact our community, whether they exist in our neighborhoods or along our main business corridors," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "The conditions in this building posed a hazard to the safety firefighters and other emergency service workers, customers in other stores in the shopping center, and to the people living in this illegal apartment. Thankfully, our task force acted before a tragedy occurred here."

The commercial storefront is one of several businesses in the single story brick face building. In the rear portion of the storefront a separate living area had been created, with a kitchenette, bedroom and a stall shower area. Members of the Task Force from the Law Department and the Building Department issued the following:

- Two violations of Section 16-3 of the Code of the Town of Brookhaven (misdemeanors) - No Plans or Permits (one to the occupant, Christine D Steven,s and one to the owner, Matthew Wilson).
- Two violations of Section 16-4 of the Code of the Town of Brookhaven (misdemeanors) No Certificate of Occupancy (one to Christine D Stevens and one to Matthew Wilson)

In addition, members of the Task Force from the Fire Marshals Office issued the following to Christine D Stevens:

- A violation of Section 30-11H of the Code of the Town of Brookhaven (a misdemeanor) - Permits (for alteration of the interior)
- A violation of Section 30-18 of the Code of the Town of Brookhaven (a misdemeanor) - Occupancy of Buildings (occupied the unit without a certificate of compliance)
- A violation of 30-9B of the Code of the Town of Brookhaven (a misdemeanor) - Orders to Eliminate a Dangerous or Hazardous Condition (occupying the unit while a dangerous condition exists)
- A violation of 30-9C of the Code of the Town of Brookhaven (a misdemeanor) - Orders to Eliminate a Dangerous or Hazardous Condition (accumulation of combustible materials against the furnace)
- A violation of Section 30-66 Marking, Illumination and Maintenance of Exitways (locked deadbolt on a marked exitway)

Members of the Task Force returned to the location several hours later to ascertain if the location was still being occupied; it was not.

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